What is claimed is:-

1. In a video recording device, a method for playback at a speed faster than normal playback speed for programming originating from film without loss of program information, comprising the steps of:

identifying during playback repeated image information indicative of film original material; and,

selectively dropping ones of said identified repeated image information to increase a playback speed of said programming originating from film.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising selectively controlling a number of said repeated image information dropped responsive to a user input.

3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically calculating a rate at which said repeated image information must be dropped responsive to a user input

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein said user input identifies a desired time for completion of playback of a recorded presentation.

5. The method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of selectively dropping said repeated image information at said rate that has been automatically calculated.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein said repeated image information comprises redundant field pictures.

7. A digital video recorder facilitating playback of programming originating from film at a speed greater than normal playback speed, comprising:

a digital video storage medium containing a record having programming originating from film;

a decoder for decoding said record to form an uncompressed picture signal; and,

a display processor receiving and formatting said uncompressed picture signal for an television display rate,

controlling said formatting to selectively drop redundant field pictures and increase said playback speed of said programming originating from film.

8. The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein said display processor formats said uncompressed picture signal for television display by controllably duplicating pictures within said uncompressed picture signal produce a television picture display rate.

9. The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein a controller is responsive to a user input for selectively controlling a number of said redundant field pictures that are dropped by said display processor.

10. The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein a controller automatically calculates the rate at which said redundant field pictures must be dropped responsive to a user input.

11. The digital video recorder according to claim 10, wherein said user input identifies a desired time for completion of said presentation.

12. The digital video recorder according to claim 10, wherein said display processor selectively drops said redundant field pictures at said rate that has been automatically calculated.